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Dear Sir:

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

The applicant in this case claims priority based on a prior application filed in Singapore and identified as Singapore Patent Application No. 200105516-9 filed September 10, 2001.

A certified copy of the Singapore application will be submitted in due course.

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